

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of VIRGINIA

**STANDARDS GOVERNING GENERAL AND SPECIAL HOSPITALS AND
CONVALESCENT AND NURSING HOMES**

The Code of Virginia, Title 32, authorizes the State Board of Health to adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations as to standards of health to be maintained and such other matters as will promote the safety and insure proper attention and service to and care of patients and inmates of private or public hospitals and institutions.

Rules and Regulations Governing General and Special Hospitals and Convalescent and Nursing Homes in Virginia are published by the Virginia Department of Health under the above legal authority. Only facilities which meet the standards and requirements of these Rules and Regulations are licensed for operation within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Compliance is evaluated from scheduled and non-scheduled personal visits to each facility by a highly qualified specially designated staff element (Bureau of Medical and Nursing Facilities) Division of Licensure Certification of the Department of Health. Rules and Regulations are available for review upon request.

Intermediate care facilities in mental institutions are licensed by the State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as a condition for certification as an ICF facility by the Department of Health's Bureau of Medical and Nursing Facilities.

Mental Hospitals and Institutions for Mentally Retarded, which render hospital or skilled nursing home services, are licensed by the State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and are certified for the Title XVIII Program by the Department of Health's Bureau of Medical and Nursing Facilities.

Descriptions of standards utilized for licensing and certifying these institutions, published in official, bound form are available for review upon request.

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